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#### Latest News

##### **States Struggle To Fill EPA Regulatory Gap On Reducing AFO Air Pollution**

States are struggling to fill a regulatory gap EPA created by not regulating animal feeding operations' (AFOs') air pollution, with state initiatives to impose first-time emissions controls on AFOs failing due to environmentalists' focus on urban pollution, inadequate rural advocacy resources, and powerful livestock sector push-back, sources say.

##### **EPA Seeks More Funding For TSCA Program As Activities Increase In 2020**

The Trump administration is once again proposing to increase the budget for EPA's toxics office, a rare bump up for an EPA program, as it works to implement the bipartisan reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), an effort that is a priority to industry and agency leaders as they gain insight on the resources needed to operate the new program.

##### **Despite Wheeler Pledge, EPA Seeks To Kill Lead Risk Reduction Program**

The Trump administration is proposing to eliminate EPA's Lead Risk Reduction Program in fiscal year 2020 despite pledges from Administrator Andrew Wheeler and other top officials who said when unveiling an inter-agency lead strategy late last year that reducing children's exposures to the metal and its risks is a priority.

##### **Judge Denies EPA Discretion To Avoid Expanding CWA Stormwater Permits**

A new federal district court ruling says EPA is required to expand its use of Clean Water Act (CWA) stormwater permits when it finds that exempt facilities are contributing to water quality violations, rejecting the agency's claim that it has discretion to avoid issuing new permits by relying on other CWA programs to remedy the pollution.

## **White House Continues Pressure On Industry To Back Vehicle GHG Plan**

The White House has been hosting a series of meetings with individual auto manufacturing companies, prodding them to publicly back the administration's planned rollback of vehicle greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards and preemption of state rules, according to several sources familiar with the issue.

## **Oil, Utility Groups Back NSPS Coal Plan But Disagree On Underlying Rationale**

Groups representing the oil and utility sectors are supporting EPA's proposal to no longer set greenhouse gas limits for new coal plants based on carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), though the groups sharply divide on the rationale for the change and take issue with much of EPA's explanation.

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### **Daily Feed**

#### **Gaetz drafts Republican alternative to 'Green' deal**

The Florida House member is calling for a "Green Real Deal" that would focus on innovation and low-carbon technology, without setting a goal for reducing emissions.

#### **New Jersey launches broad enforcement action on PFAS**

Garden State officials issued a directive requiring five large chemical companies to provide data for a statewide assessment of the damage caused and to establish a fund to remediate the impacts" of the chemicals.

#### **Udall will not seek 2020 re-election**

The two-term Democrat says not running in 2020 will allow him to better focus on climate change, the environment and other issues he see as "real crises."

#### **EPA sends NSR air permit 'netting' proposal for OMB review**

The agency's pending proposal will ease Clean Air Act new source review (NSR) permitting requirements for industrial facilities subject to the stringent permit program.

#### **Ewire: Senate Republicans push 'innovation' climate stance**

In today's Ewire: Sens. Mitt Romney (R-UT), Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN) are hoping to craft a GOP policy on climate change based on technological innovation.

#### **Environmentalists sue EPA to force CWA spill rule**

EPA is facing a court challenge over its finding that existing policies render a separate Clean Water Act rule to prevent "worst-case" chemical spills unnecessary.

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